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### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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September 13, 2016

### **MEMORANDUM**

# SENSITIVE

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer A

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock

**Chief Compliance Officer** 

Debbie Chacona to PCO

**Assistant Staff Director** Reports Analysis Division

BY:

KDP Kristin D. Roser/Ben Holly B.H.

Reports Analysis Division

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Reason To Believe Recommendation -2016 July Quarterly Report for the

Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2016 July Quarterly Report in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The July Quarterly Report was due on July 15, 2016.

The committees listed in the attached RTB Circulation Report either failed to file the report, filed the report no more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a late filed report), or filed the report more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

An explanation of the civil money penalties calculation for the following committees that failed to file the report is outlined below:

The committee (AF 3122) represents a candidate that participated in the 2016 Primary in Georgia. The committee was required to file a 2016 July Quarterly Report (Q2) covering May 5, 2016 through June 30, 2016 (57 days). In order to determine the civil money penalty, an estimated level of activity was calculated using a per diem average by multiplying the previous activity reported for the 2015-2016 election cycle (\$684,828) by 45.60% (the number of days required in Q2 (57) divided by the number of days included in the Committee's 2015-2016 election cycle reports (125)).

The committee (AF 3130) represents a candidate that participated in the 2016 Primary in California. The committee was required to file a 2016 July Quarterly Report (Q2) covering May 19, 2016 through June 30, 2016 (43 days). In order to determine the civil money penalty, an estimated level of activity was calculated using a per diem average by multiplying the previous activity reported for the 2015-2016 election cycle (\$257,711) by 30.93% (the number of days required in Q2 (43) divided by the number of days included in the Committee's 2015-2016 election cycle reports (139)).

### Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

# Reason to Believe Circulation Report 2016 JULY QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 07/15/2016 H\_S\_P\_UNAUTH Federal Election Commission

| AF#  | Committee<br>ID  | Committee Name  | Candidate Name     | Treasurer                   | Threshold | ₹. | Receipt<br>Date | Days Late | LOA             | RTB Penalty |
|------|------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| 3117 | 3117 C00572537   | AMERICANS SOCIALLY<br>UNITED  |                    | CARY L.<br>PETERSON         | \$233,949 |    |                 | Not Filed | \$233,949 (est) | \$11,106    |
| 3118 | 3118 C00588756   | BRIAN SIMS FOR CONGRESS   | BRIAN KENDALL SIMS | ANDREA<br>LAWFUL<br>SANDERS | \$535,449 | 0  |                 | Not Filed | \$267,725 (est) | \$10,935    |
| 3119 | 3119 C00496927   | CITIZENS SUPER PAC FOR AMERICA (CSPAC)  |                    | SIDDIQ MUMIN                | \$463,130 | 0  |                 | Not Filed | \$144           | \$144       |
| 3120 | 3120 C00554253   | CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS  | DANIEL A. CLAITOR  | CHELSEA                     | \$120,518 | 4  |                 | Not Filed | \$120,518 (est) | \$12,302    |
| 3121 | 3121 C00551465   | COMMITTEE TO ELECT J.D. WINTEREGG   | J.D. WINTEREGG     | ветн сох                    | \$165,803 | 0  |                 | Not Filed | \$27,634 (est)  | \$1,157     |
| 3122 | 3122 C00613786   | COWAN FOR CONGRESS, INC.  | DANIEL COWAN       | LEIGH ANN<br>GILLIS         | \$684,828 | 0  |                 | Not Filed | \$312,281 (est) | \$10,935    |
| 3123 | 3123   C00030734 | DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE |                    | MARK GORMAN                 | \$181,065 | 0  | 7/28/2016       | 13        | \$43,269        | \$611       |

| \$208  | \$8,602                     |
|--|-----------------------------|
| \$9,379  | \$341,768                   |
| 24   | 24                          |
| 8/8/2016   | 8/8/2016                    |
| 0  | 0                           |
| \$103,607  | \$1,070,219                 |
| RAFAEL<br>LANTIGUA                               | RAYSA<br>CASTILLO           |
| ADRIANO ESPAILLAT                                | ADRIANO ESPAILLAT           |
| 3126 C00518365 ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS ADRIANO ES | ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS 2016 |
| C00518365  | 3127 C00593525              |
| 3126   | 3127                        |

| 3129 C00354613   | INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA) LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE | ,             | MARTIN                 | \$113,849 | 8 |           | Not Filed | \$19,804       | \$1,125 |
|------------------|---|---------------|------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| 3130 C00606897   | MATT KOKKONEN FOR<br>CONGRESS                                       | MATT KOKKONEN | JACOB THOMAS \$257,711 | \$257,711 | 0 |           | Not Filed | \$79,710 (est) | \$4,784 |
| 3132   C00150995 | NATIONAL PAC INC A/K/A<br>NATPAC                                    |               | DEBORAH ANN CAPOCCI    | \$195,419 | 0 |           | Not Filed | \$65,139 (est) | \$3,691 |
| 3133 C00134676   | PHOENIX FIRE FIGHTERS,<br>LOCAL 493, FIRE PAC<br>COMMITTEE          |               | BRYAN<br>WILLINGHAM    | \$376,301 | 0 | 7/21/2016 | 9         | \$59,878       | \$1,028 |
| 3134 C00362632   | SWING STATES FOR A CONSERVATIVE WHITE HOUSE PAC INC                 |               | OFFICE OF<br>TREASURER | \$134,449 | 0 |           | Not Filed | \$44,816 (est) | \$1,157 |

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9/13/2016 4:36 PM<br>RTB Penalty | \$643                          | \$6,151                 | \$4,613                              | \$2,017                       | \$2,191                     |
| 9/13/2016<br>FOA                 | \$17,906 (est)                 | \$137,286 (est)         | \$72,922 (est)                       | \$109,185                     | \$88,669                    |
| Days Late                        | Not Filed                      | Not Filed               | Not Filed                            | 7                             | 12                          |
| Receipt                          |                                |                         |                                      | 7/22/2016                     | 7/27/2016                   |
| <b>₽</b>                         | 0                              | 0                       | -                                    | 0                             | 0                           |
| Threshold PV                     | \$146,000 0                    | \$137,286               | \$437,531                            | \$312,739                     | \$739,988                   |
| Treasurer                        | BILLY DAVIS                    | THOMAS                  | OFFICE OF<br>TREASURER               | WILLIAM LLOP \$312,739        | GUANG QUAN                  |
| Candidate Name                   | BILLY DAVIS                    | THOMAS G. CARTER        | ROBERT QUENTIN<br>WHITWELL JR.       | WILLIAM LLOP                  | YUNGMAN F. LEE              |
| Committee Name                   | THE CANDIDATE BILLY DAVIS INC. | TOM CARTER FOR CONGRESS | 3137 C00573428 WHITWELL FOR CONGRESS | WILLIAM LLOP CPA FOR CONGRESS | YUNGMAN LEE FOR<br>CONGRESS |
| Committee<br>ID                  | 3135 C00613216                 | 3136 C00560649          | C00573428                            | 3138 C00520064                | 3139 C00592519              |
| AF#                              | 3135                           | 3136                    | 3137                                 | 3138                          | 3139                        |

## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

| Reason To Believe Recommendation –  | ) |          |
|---|---|----------|
| 2016 July Quarterly Report for the Administrative Fine Program:   | , |          |
| AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED, and PETERSON, CARY L as treasurer;   | ) | AF# 3117 |
| BRIAN SIMS FOR CONGRESS, and SANDERS, ANDREA LAWFUL as treasurer:   | ) | AF# 3118 |
| CITIZENS SUPER PAC FOR AMERICA (CSPAC), and SIDDIQ MUMIN as treasurer;  | ) | AF# 3119 |
| CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS, and CHELSEA BONNECAZE as treasurer;   | ) | AF# 3120 |
| COMMITTEE TO ELECT JD WINTEREGG, and COX, BETH as treasurer;  | ) | AF# 3121 |
| COWAN FOR CONGRESS, INC., and GILLIS, LEIGH ANN as treasurer;   | ) | AF# 3122 |
| DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and GORMAN, MARK MR. as treasurer; | ) | AF# 3123 |
| ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS, and   | ) | AF# 3126 |
| LANTIGUA, RAFAEL as treasurer; ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS 2016, and RAYSA CASTILLO as treasurer;                      | ) | AF# 3127 |
| INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA) LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MARTIN MASCUILLI as treasurer;           | ) | AF# 3129 |
| MATT KOKKONEN FOR CONGRESS, and THOMAS, JACOB CPA as treasurer;   | ) | AF# 3130 |

NATIONAL PAC INC A/K/A NATPAC, AF# 3132 and CAPOCCI, DEBORAH ANN MRS. as treasurer: PHOENIX FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 493, AF# 3133 FIRE PAC COMMITTEE, and WILLINGHAM, BRYAN as treasurer; AF# 3135 THE CANDIDATE BILLY DAVIS INC., and DAVIS, BILLY as treasurer; TOM CARTER FOR CONGRESS, and **AF#** 3136 CARTER, THOMAS as treasurer; WILLIAM LLOP CPA FOR CONGRESS, AF# 3138 and WILLIAM LLOP as treasurer; YUNGMAN LEE FOR CONGRESS, and AF# 3139 GUANG QUAN WU as treasurer;

### CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on September 15, 2016 the Commission took the following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2016 July Quarterly Report for the Administrative Fine Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated September 13, 2016, on the following committees:

AF#3117 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED, and PETERSON, CARY L in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3118 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that BRIAN SIMS FOR CONGRESS, and SANDERS, ANDREA LAWFUL in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3119 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CITIZENS SUPER PAC FOR AMERICA (CSPAC), and SIDDIQ MUMIN in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3120 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS, and CHELSEA BONNECAZE in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3121 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COMMITTEE TO ELECT JD WINTEREGG, and COX, BETH in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3122 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COWAN FOR CONGRESS, INC., and GILLIS, LEIGH ANN in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3123 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and GORMAN, MARK MR. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3126 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS, and LANTIGUA, RAFAEL in his official as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3127 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS 2016, and RAYSA CASTILLO in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3129 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA) LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MARTIN MASCUILLI in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3130 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MATT KOKKONEN FOR CONGRESS, and THOMAS, JACOB CPA in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3132 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL PAC INC A/K/A NATPAC, and CAPOCCI, DEBORAH ANN MRS. in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3133 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PHOENIX FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 493, FIRE PAC COMMITTEE, and WILLINGHAM, BRYAN in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3135 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that THE CANDIDATE BILLY DAVIS INC., and DAVIS, BILLY in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3136 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that TOM CARTER FOR CONGRESS, and CARTER, THOMAS in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3138 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that WILLIAM LLOP CPA FOR CONGRESS, and WILLIAM LLOP in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3139 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that YUNGMAN LEE FOR CONGRESS, and GUANG QUAN WU in his official capacity is treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

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hawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 16, 2016

Leigh Ann Gillis, in official capacity as Treasurer Cowan for Congress, Inc. P.O. Box 3235 Marietta, GA 30061

C00613786 AF#: 3122

Dear Ms. Gillis:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a July Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements every calendar year. This report, covering the period May 5, 2016 through June 30, 2016, shall be filed no later than July 15, 2016. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Because records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that you did not file this report within thirty (30) days of the due date, the report is considered not filed for the purpose of calculating the civil money penalty. You should file this report if you have not already done so.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). 52 U.S.C. § 30109g(a)(4). On September 15, 2016, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Cowan for Congress, Inc. and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before July 15, 2016. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$10,935. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$10,935 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by October 25, 2016, and is based on these factors:

Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$312,281 Number of Days Late: Not Filed

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

### 1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street,

NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must include the AF# (found at the top of page 1 under your committee's identification number) and be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or October 25, 2016. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

### 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Moncy Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Cowan for Congress, Inc. and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

### 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, follow the payment instructions on page 4 of this letter. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

### NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

### 4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

### 5. Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including making a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2). Unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public, it will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record at the conclusion of this matter in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Ben Holly in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Matthew S. Petersen

Chair

### ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$10,935 for the 2016 July Quarterly Report.

You may remit payment by ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form.

This penalty may also be paid by check or money order, made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please send to:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

### PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Cowan for Congress, Inc.

FEC ID#: C00613786

AF#: 3122

PAYMENT DUE DATE: October 25, 2016

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$10,935



### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

**SENSITIVE** 

January 24, 2017

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

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FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock

**Chief Compliance Officer** 

Debbie Chacona Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

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Reports Analysis Division Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination Recommendation for the

2016 July Quarterly Report

Attached are two lists of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2016 July Quarterly Report. The first list represents the committees that have paid the civil money penalty and the second list represents the committees that have not paid the civil money penalty. The committees that have not paid have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34 and 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to those respondents that have either paid or not paid the civil money penalty.

For your information, five (5) committees disclosed a level of activity after the RTB finding which would result in a lowered civil money penalty. An overview of these cases has been provided below.

Americans Socially United (AF 3117) disclosed no activity after the RTB finding (previously estimated to be \$233,949), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$11,106).

Committee to Elect J.D. Winteregg (AF 3121) filed a Termination Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$13,396 (previously estimated to be \$27,634), thus the fine would be lowered from \$1,157 to \$643.

National PAC Inc. A/K/A NATPAC (AF 3132) filed the 2016 July Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$9,134 (previously estimated to be \$65,139), thus the fine would be lowered from \$3,691 to \$386. The committee paid the civil money penalty assessed at RTB; we will therefore issue a refund for the difference (\$3,305).

Tom Carter for Congress (AF 3136) disclosed no activity after the RTB finding (previously estimated to be \$137,286), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$6,151).

Whitwell for Congress (AF 3137) filed the 2016 July Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed no activity (previously estimated to be \$72,922), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$4,613).

- Committee to Elect J.D. Winteregg (AF 3121) filed an Amended Statement of Organization after the RTB finding designating Joseph Winteregg as Treasurer.
- The FD Penalty for International Longshoremen's Assoc (ILA) Local 1291 Political Action Committee (AF 3129) has been adjusted to accurately reflect the receipt date of the 2016 July Quarterly Report, thus the fine has been reduced from \$1,125 to \$302.

### **RAD** Recommendation

- (1) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached reports violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalties so indicated.
- (2) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached reports with no activity, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty.
- (3) Send the appropriate letters.

Federal Election Commission
FD Circulation Report Fine Paid
2016 JULY QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 07/15/2016 H\_S\_P\_UNAUTH

| AF#  | Committee Name   | Candidate Name    | Committee     | Treasurer              | Receipt Date Days Late | Days Late    | POT       | δ. | RTB Date   | RTB Date RTB Penalty Final Money Date Paid Penalty | Final Money<br>Penalty | Date Paid  | Amount<br>Paid |
|------|--|-------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------|----|------------|--|------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 3119 | CITIZENS SUPER PAC FOR AMERICA (CSPAC)   |                   | C00496927     | SIDDIQ MUMIN           | 10/11/2016             | Not Filed    | \$144     | 0  | 09/15/2016 | \$144  | \$144                  | 107/2016   | \$144          |
| 3123 | DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE |                   | C00030734     | MARK GORMAN            | 07/28/2016             | 13           | \$43,269  | 0  | 09/15/2016 | \$611  | \$611                  | 10/26/2016 | \$611          |
| 3126 | ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS ADRIANO ESPAILLAT                                       | ADRIANO ESPAILLAT | C00518365     | RAFAEL LANTIGUA        | 08/08/2016             | 24           | \$9,379   | 0  | 09/15/2016 | \$208  | \$208                  | 10/27/2016 | \$208          |
| 3127 | ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS<br>2016   | ADRIANO ESPAILLAT | C00593525     | RAYSA CASTILLO         | 08/08/2016             | 24           | \$342,451 | 0  | 09/15/2016 | \$8,602  | \$8,602                | 01/13/2017 | \$8,602        |
| 3132 | NATIONAL PAC INC. A/K/A NATPAC   |                   | C00150995     | DEBORAH ANN<br>CAPOCCI | 09/21/2016             | Not Filed    | \$9,134   | 0  | 09/15/2016 | \$3,691  | \$386                  | 10/3/2016  | \$3,691*       |
| 3133 | PHOENIX FIRE FIGHTERS,<br>LOCAL 493, FIRE PAC<br>COMMITTEE                     |                   | C00134676 BRY | AN WILLINGHAM          | 07/21/2016             | <b>-60</b> , | \$60,629  | 0  | 09/15/2016 | \$1,028  | \$1,028                | 09/26/2016 | \$1,028        |
| 3139 | YUNGMAN LEE FOR CONGRESS   | YUNGMAN F. LEE    | C00592519     | GUANG QUAN WU          | 07/27/2016             | 12           | \$92,826  | 0  | 09/15/2016 | \$2,191  | \$2,191                | 10/28/2016 | \$2,191        |

<sup>\*</sup> This committee disclosed a level of activity after the RTB finding which would result in a lowered civil money penalty at A Final Determination (FD) that has been reduced since the RTB finding. This committee paid the civil money penalty assessed at RTB; therefore, we will issue a refund for the difference.

Federal Election Commission
FD Circulation Report Fine Not Paid
2016 JULY QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 07/15/2016 H\_S\_P\_UNAUTH

| AF#  | Committee Name  | Candidate Name              | Committee<br>ID | Treasurer             | Receipt Date Days Late | Days Late | FOA             | ≥  | RTB Date   | RTB Date RTB Penalty Days Since FD Penalty | Days Since | FD Penalty |
|------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|----|------------|--|------------|------------|
| 3117 | AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED   |                             | C00572537       | CARY L. PETERSON      |                        | Not Filed | 0%              | -  | 09/15/2016 | \$11,106                                   | 131        | NONE       |
| 3120 | CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS  | DANIEL A. CLAITOR           | C00554253       | CHELSEA BONNECAZE     |                        | Not Filed | \$120.518 (est) | 4  | 09/15/2016 | \$12.302                                   | 131        | \$12.302   |
| 3121 | COMMITTEE TO ELECT J.D. WINTEREGG                                   | J.D. WINTEREGG              | C00551465       | JOSEPH WINTEREGG      | 10/13/2016             | Not Filed | \$13,396        | 0  | 09/15/2016 | \$1,157                                    | 131        | \$643      |
| 3122 | ၁   | DANIEL COWAN                | C00613786       | LEIGH ANN GILLIS      |                        | Not Filed | \$312,281 (est) | ٥. | 09/15/2016 | \$10,935                                   | 131        | \$10,935   |
| 3129 | INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA) LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE |                             | C00354613       | MARTIN JOHN MASCUILLI | 07/21/2016             | ဖ         | \$19,804        | 6  | 09/15/2016 | \$1,125                                    | 131        | \$302      |
| 3134 | SWII  |                             | C00362632       | OFFICE OF TREASURER   |                        | Not Filed | \$44,816 (est)  | 0  | 09/15/2016 | \$1,157                                    | 131        | \$1,157    |
| 3135 | THE CANDIDATE BILLY DAVIS INC.                                      | BILLY DAVIS                 | C00613216       | - BILLY DAVIS         |                        | Not Filed | \$17,906 (est)  | 0  | 09/15/2016 | \$643                                      | 131        | \$643      |
| 3136 | ĪŌ  | THOMAS G. CARTER            | C00560649       | THOMAS CARTER         |                        | Not Filed | 0\$             | •  | 09/15/2016 | \$6,151                                    | 131        | NONE       |
| 3137 | 3137 WHITWELL FOR CONGRESS  | ROBERT QUENTIN WHITWELL JR. | C00573428       | OFFICE OF TREASURER   | 10/14/2016             | Not Filed | \$0             | -  | 09/15/2016 | \$4,613                                    | 131        | NONE       |

# BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

| In the Matter of                     | )  |            |
|--------------------------------------|----|------------|
| Administrative Fine Program - Final  | •  |            |
| Determination Recommendation for the | í  |            |
| 2016 July Quarterly Report:          | 1  |            |
| AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED, and       | í  | AF# 3117   |
| PETERSON, CARY L as treasurer;       | Š  | 111 5117   |
| CITIZENS SUPER PAC FOR AMERICA       | í  | AF# 3119   |
| (CSPAC), and SIDDIQ MUMIN as         | í  | 120115     |
| treasurer;                           | í  |            |
| CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS, and            | í  | AF# 3120   |
| CHELSEA BONNECAZE as treasurer;      | Ś  | 112.1. 2.1 |
| COMMITTEE TO ELECT JD                | á  | AF# 3121   |
| WINTEREGG, and WINTEREGG,            | í  |            |
| JOSEPH as treasurer;                 | Ś  |            |
| COWAN FOR CONGRESS, INC., and        | Ś  | AF# 3122   |
| GILLIS, LEIGH ANN as treasurer;      | í  | •          |
| DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE     | ń  | AF# 3123   |
| UNITED STATES INC POLITICAL          | Ś  |            |
| ACTION COMMITTEE, and GORMAN,        | •  |            |
| MARK MR. as treasurer;               | )  |            |
| ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS, and          | )  | AF# 3126   |
| LANTIGUA, RAFAEL as treasurer;       | )  |            |
| ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS 2016, and     | Ś  | AF# 3127   |
| RAYSA CASTILLO as treasurer;         | )  |            |
| INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA)        | )  | AF# 3129   |
| LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION          | )  |            |
| COMMITTEE, and MASCUILLI,            | )  |            |
| MARTIN JOHN MR. as treasurer;        | ). |            |
| NATIONAL PAC INC A/K/A NATPAC,       | )  | AF# 3132   |
| and CAPOCCI, DEBORAH ANN MRS. as     | )  |            |
| treasurer;                           | )  |            |
| PHOENIX FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 493,    | )  | AF# 3133   |
| FIRE PAC COMMITTEE, and              | )  |            |
| WILLINGHAM, BRYAN as treasurer;      | )  |            |
| THE CANDIDATE BILLY DAVIS INC.,      | )  | AF# 3135   |
| and DAVIS, BILLY as treasurer;       | )  |            |
|                                      |    |            |

Federal Election Commission Certification for Administrative Fines January 26, 2017

TOM CARTER FOR CONGRESS, and AF# 3136 CARTER, THOMAS as treasurer;
YUNGMAN LEE FOR CONGRESS, and OH AF# 3139 GUANG QUAN WU as treasurer;

### CERTIFICATION

I, Dayna C. Brown, Acting Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on January 26, 2017 the Commission took the

following actions on the Administrative Fine Program - Final Determination

Recommendation for the 2016 July Quarterly Report as recommended in the Reports

Analysis Division's Memorandum dated January 24, 2017, on the following

committees:

- AF#3117 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED, and PETERSON, CARY L in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.
- AF#3119 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that CITIZENS SUPER PAC FOR AMERICA (CSPAC), and SIDDIQ MUMIN in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.
- AF#3120 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS, and CHELSEA BONNECAZE in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.
- AF#3121 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that COMMITTEE TO ELECT JD WINTEREGG, and WINTEREGG, JOSEPH in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil

money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

- AF#3122 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that COWAN FOR CONGRESS, INC., and GILLIS, LEIGH ANN in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.
- AF#3123 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that DISTILLED SPIRITS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and GORMAN, MARK MR. in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.
- AF#3126 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS, and LANTIGUA, RAFAEL in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.
- AF#3127 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that ESPAILLAT FOR CONGRESS 2016, and RAYSA CASTILLO in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.
- AF#3129 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that INT LONGSHOREMENS ASSOC (ILA) LOCAL 1291 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and MASCUILLI, MARTIN JOHN MR. in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.
- AF#3132 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that NATIONAL PAC INC A/K/A NATPAC, and CAPOCCI, DEBORAH ANN MRS. in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.
- AF#3133 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that PHOENIX FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 493, FIRE PAC COMMITTEE, and WILLINGHAM, BRYAN in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate

letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3135 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that THE CANDIDATE BILLY DAVIS INC., and DAVIS, BILLY in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3136 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that TOM CARTER FOR CONGRESS, and CARTER, THOMAS in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3139 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that YUNGMAN LEE FOR CONGRESS, and GUANG QUAN WU in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

January 30,2017
Date

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Dayna C. Brown

Acting Secretary and Clerk of the

Commission



January 30, 2017

Leigh Ann Gillis, in official capacity as Treasurer Cowan for Congress, Inc. P.O. Box 3235 Marietta, GA 30061

C00613786 AF#: 3122

Dear Ms. Gillis:

On September 15, 2016, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Cowan for Congress, Inc. and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2016 July Quarterly Report. By letter dated September 16, 2016, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage to be \$10,935 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43. Within forty (40) days of the FEC's RTB finding, you, as treasurer, were required to either transmit payment of the calculated civil money penalty or submit a written response challenging either the RTB finding or the calculated civil money penalty. You must also file the 2016 July Quarterly Report if you have not already done so.

The FEC did not receive payment of the calculated civil money penalty or a written response within the time permitted. The FEC made a final determination on January 26, 2017 that Cowan for Congress, Inc. and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$10,935 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43. The civil money penalty is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$312,281 Number of Days Late: Not Filed

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

### 1. If You Choose to Appeal the Final Determination and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you choose to appeal the final determination, you should submit a written petition, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, to the U.S. District Court for the district in which the committee or you reside, or transact business, requesting that the final determination be modified or set aside. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(C)(iii). Your failure to raise an argument in

a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver of the respondents' right to present such argument in a petition to the district court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 CFR § 111.38.

### 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Appeal

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA") as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 ("DCIA"), 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. If you do not pay this debt within thirty (30) days (or file a written petition to a federal district court - see below), the Commission will transfer the debt to the U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") for collection. Within five (5) days of the transfer to Treasury, Treasury will contact you to request payment. Treasury currently charges a fee of 28% of the civil money penalty amount for its collection services. The fee will be added to the amount of the civil money penalty that you lowe. Should Treasury's attempts fail, Treasury will refer the debt to a private collection agency ("PCA"). If the debt remains unpaid, Treasury may recommend that the Commission refer the matter to the Department of Justice for litigation.

Actions which may be taken to enforce recovery of a delinquent debt by Treasury may also include: (1) offset of any payments, which the debtor is due, including tax refunds and salary; (2) referral of the debt to agency counsel for litigation; (3) reporting of the debt to a credit bureau; (4) administrative wage garnishment; and (5) reporting of the debt, if discharged, to the IRS as potential taxable income. In addition, under the provisions of DCIA and other statutes applicable to the FEC, the debtor may be subject to the assessment of other statutory interest, penalties, and administrative costs.

In accordance with the DCIA, at your request, the agency will offer you the opportunity to inspect and copy records relating to the debt, the opportunity for a review of the debt, and the opportunity to enter into a written repayment agreement.

### 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the civil money penalty, follow the payment instructions on page 4 of this letter. You should make payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.

### NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

### 4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assessed upon making a final determination.

### 5. Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including a payment in an amount less than the civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive

endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assessed upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. Pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding the payment of the civil money penalty, please contact Aimee Wechsler at Federal Election Commission, 999 E St., NW, Washington, DC 20463, or our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt, press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

Steven Swatther

Steven T. Walther Chair

### ADMINISTRATIVE FINE PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the civil money penalty is \$10,935 for the 2016 July Quarterly Report. The payment is due within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

You may remit payment by ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form.

This penalty may also be paid by check or money order made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission PO Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please send to:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTs). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on the check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

### PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Cowan for Congress, Inc.

FEC ID#: C00613786

AF#: 3122

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$10,935

THIS IS THE END OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 3/22